

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**March 11, 2025****DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:10 A.M. on the 11th day of March, 2025 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vic Rivera. Board Members present were Walter Juhlin and Jake Stewart. Also, present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. Per LB 898, Commissioner Rivera announced the location of the Open Meetings Act located on the door by the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the February 25, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes as published with the following corrections to wit: delete the first set of claims approved by the board; delete finance committee and replace with words NCAP and road raises will be discussed at the next meeting, not awarded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were approved by general consent of the Board. Don Fryda and Tom Menke joined the meeting. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. There wasn't any correspondence to be acknowledge by the Board.

Public Comment ensued with Linda Verhhee thanking the Board for what she has seen being done on county roads. She is elated to see someone is getting bar pit cleaned out on Squaw Creek and is pleased with the pick-up and the blow-up areas. Roger Campbell shared information relevant to the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall coming to Crawford, NE. September 9-13, 2026. The memorial will be display at 1005 1st Street in Crawford, NE.

At 9:30 A.M. Mark Klemke, Hemingford Telephone, presented a petition request to install fiber optic along right-of-way on Cottonwood School Road located in Sections 7 & 8, Township 29, Range 48. Upon review of said petition Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the petition request of Hemingford Telephone. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ben and Megan Schuckman joined the meeting. Mr. Yada informed the board that all crews are grading roads after the last snow. Equipment/Machinery up and running. The roof at Table shop needs fixed and the well was discussed. Pete is working at the State pit. Crusher rental was discussed as was the possibility of hiring part-time summer help with the crusher crew. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to direct the Highway Superintendent to go to bid for a crusher rental. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. The crusher rental bid will be awarded at the March 25, 2025 Commissioner meeting. A refresher red card training will held in the Crawford Fire Hall on March 20, 2025 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Hearing tests per mine safety standards will be conducted on March 18, 2025 for all crew members. Ten (10) hour – 4-day weeks starting March 17, 2025. The summer fuel contract is locked in at \$2.695 with Westco. The next order of business was discussion of Road Employees merit raises. Tom Menke asked how the county determines raises and Commissioner Stewart and Mr. Yada responded by merit. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept and approve merit raises for the roads department. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board then reviewed a NNDC Tourism Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist in costs associated with rebuilding their website. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to

approve the Tourism Grant to NNDC in the amount of \$1,000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business discussion ensued re: Road No. 50 Court Order. Commissioner Rivera gave the definition of a court order. The location of the road can vary due to terrain, however; the courts clearly established by evidence the road is located where is it and has never been moved according to testimony of Phillip Curd, Scott Bosse and Donald Brush, all licensed Surveyor's in the State of Nebraska. The issue at hand is that the road won't be in compliance once the structure is removed according to Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. He also went on to say communications are on-going between all parties. Commissioner Rivera indicated that Larry Hankin, then Highway Superintendent, testified the structure in question was a safety hazard. Mr. Rivera went on to say Dawes County was granted a permanent injunction. Road No. 50 is a county road with right-of-way 33' from the center line. Mr. Rivera indicated we need to follow the court order. Charlie Littrel is scheduled to remove the structure this week according to Wade Yada. Mr. Rivera is concerned another law suit may be pending if action isn't taken by the board. Ben Schuckman indicated he feels the court order is being challenged by Mr. Mai. Amy Patras, Attorney for the Schuckman's will be providing additional information to the board at a later commissioner meeting. Megan Schuckman indicated for the record this has been their dream to build a home and they are moving forward. The Schuckman's have reached out to Mr. Mai through his Attorney, Terry Curtiss but to date no response has been received. Again, Mr. Edmund reiterated for the record the main concern at this point is condition of Road No. 50 after structure is removed per court order.

At 10:02 A.M. Ashley Ahrens, UNL Extension, discussed a CPR class available to anyone interested at a cost of \$60.00 will be held. Interested parties are encouraged to call 432-3373 to register. Brock Ortner introduced himself to the Board. He is the new Livestock Systems Educator. He started his position in January and is from Eastern Iowa. He has been busy visiting area Ranchers. Commissioner Juhlin reported we need a large animal veterinarian. Commissioner Stewart asked how Dawes County would go about getting a veterinarian. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ortner indicated a lot of individuals are getting small animal endorsements. It costs around \$250,000.00 for veterinarian school. UNL does have a program available to help someone get started in Veterinarian School. Caitlyn Rose introduced herself again and reported she started working in December. She's been going around and getting familiar with communities and boards. She replaced Jeni Nixon. Melissa Mracek informed the Board UNL currently has four (4) 4-H Educator positions open but can't fill them. They are looking at going to 2- 4-H Educators instead of four and hiring seasonal interns. The county will continue to pay for a full-time position and be responsible for the intern pay. The cost to pay the full-time educators would be shared by Dawes, Box Butte, Sheridan counties. In addition, a new interlocal agreement would need to be signed by all counties. The intern was discussed. The intern would work thirty (30) hours a week. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to hire a seasonal intern for up to 30 hours per week. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ashley Ahrens presented information from the 2024 annual report to wit: There were eighty-three (83) more youth reached in 2024 and 95% of fifth graders reported that 4-H helped them make better career choices. She left the report with the county.

At 10:34 A.M. a motion to enter executive session was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin to discuss a legal matter. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:01 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on March 25, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on March 20, 2025. **All Resolutions adopted by the Dawes County Board of Commissioners are available for public inspection during normal business hours of the County Clerk's Office.**

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Vic Rivera

March 11, 2025 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts: Key for claims: 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 650=HwyBridgeBuyback Program Fund; 990=Visitor's Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1150=Preservation&Modernization Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2501=CDGB Fund 2700=Inheritance; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4600= Bond Payment Fund

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$ 2,009.85
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 11,461.48
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 93.85
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 268.75
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$ 670.31
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 41,869.71
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 270.00
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$ 142.20
100	ROBERT M BRENNER LAW OFFICE	\$ 2,280.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 415.61
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,800.12
100	CENTURYLINK	\$ 589.08
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE-PREDATOR CONT	\$ 3.44
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$ 117.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$ 247.79
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 464.95
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 2,691.45
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$ 200.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$ 70.60
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 16.95
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$ 60.00

100	DANIELSON CONSTRUCTION	\$ 900.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$ 8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$ 56.38
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$ 108.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	DIERKSEN ENTERPRISES LLC	\$ 18,600.00
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$ 130.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$ 400.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$ 176.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$ 120.49
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 1,614.12
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 390.35
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$ 71.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$ 254.13
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18,526.11
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 247.26
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 171.05
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE-PREDATOR	\$ 22.00
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 91.00
100	HUTT PHD,MATTHEW	\$ 925.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 342.50
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$ 65.04
100	MIPS INC	\$ 3,430.30
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 212.18
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,364.47
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$ 31.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$ 283.91
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$ 222.33
100	PELL REPORTING, INC.	\$ 470.99
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 468.03
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$ 1,166.15
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 125.94
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$ 5,545.60
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$ 75.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$ 90.16
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 275.66
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 63.32
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$ 333.73
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$ 14.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$ 143.87
200	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 2,794.94

200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,310.75
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$ 769.48
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,381.14
200	CENTURYLINK	\$ 27.15
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$ 474.83
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 58.61
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$ 45.00
200	CROELL REDI-MIX INC	\$ 1,050.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$ 86.41
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 3,462.22
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$ 789.96
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$ 170.50
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$ 465.58
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 378.17
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 76.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO,INC	\$ 4,480.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 750.20
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 184.06
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 7,137.90
200	POWERPLAN	\$ 27,530.55
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 2,502.66
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$ 81.32
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 100.81
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 3,228.52
200	WEATHERCRAFT COMPANIES	\$ 240.00
200	21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	\$ 497.50
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 81.09
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.27
990	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 6.75
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 9.86
990	BRANDON DAVENPORT	\$ 988.93
990	FIRESPRING PRINT INC	\$ 8,730.33
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$ 1,473.16
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 148.49
990	KCSR-AM	\$ 200.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 27.40
990	KERRI REMPP	\$ 32.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08

995	IVY HOUSE MEDIA LIMITED	\$ 4,270.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$ 2,756.26
2580	POWERPLAN	\$ 23,250.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$ 36.97
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.17
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 213.38
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3.84
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,275.39